

Good Shepherd News

June 2016

30p

3-part round

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

2 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3 A - men, a - men!

unknown

The image shows a musical score for a three-part round of the hymn 'Alleluia'. It consists of three staves, numbered 1, 2, and 3. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. Staff 1 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. Staff 2 starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. Staff 3 starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are 'A - men, a - men!'. Above the first staff, the text '3-part round' is written. Above the second staff, the text 'unknown' is written.

Last month I suggested that the fertility and wonderful order of the physical world that science has discovered is suggestive that it is the work of a great creative mind – in other words a Creator God. The argument does not amount to a *proof* of God's existence, but it is one that is worth taking very seriously. Yet, if we leave the matter there, it is only a very thin idea of God that has been given us. Many vital questions are not addressed. Does this God actually care about individual creatures? Christian faith answers that by its central and exciting belief that God has acted to make himself known in the most accessible way possible – by becoming a man in Jesus of Nazareth. Can we really believe that?

If you compare Jesus with other great religious leaders such as Mahomed or Moses, they have many things in common. All are charismatic leaders attracting a wide following; all are credited with healing powers etc. However there is one big difference between Jesus and all the rest. They all end their lives in honoured old age surrounded by disciples dedicated to continuing the message of the master. Jesus dies deserted by his followers, suffers the painful death of crucifixion, which pious Jews saw as a sign of divine rejection – in the Law

it says "Cursed is anyone hung on a tree". I think if this miserable end had been the end of Jesus, we should never have heard of him. His bitterly disappointed followers would simply have faded away. But we have all heard of Jesus. *Something* happened to restore the faith of the disciples, empowering them to proclaim the good news about him. I believe that "something" is the resurrection. I am encouraged to take absolutely seriously the stories of his appearances. One supporting reason is that in all their variety of place and circumstances, there is an unexpected common theme – that it was difficult to recognise him at first sight. (Mary Magdalene and the "gardener", the couple on the road to Emmaus etc). I believe this feature is a genuine reminiscence of what that experience was like.

We have just celebrated Easter – not an illusory made-up role to keep our spirits up, but a real manifestation of the victory of the Son of God over the forces of death, Alleluia!

John Polkinghorne

Alleluia.
Christ is risen!

The image features the word 'Alleluia' written in a large, colorful, cursive font. The letters are filled with a rainbow gradient from purple on the left to green on the right. Below it, the phrase 'Christ is risen!' is written in a smaller, black, cursive font. The background is white with some faint, colorful dots and lines.

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READINGS FOR JUNE

Sundays and holy days

- 5 TRINITY 2
1 Kings 17: 17 - end
Galatians 1: 11 - end
Luke 7: 11-17
- 12 TRINITY 3
2 Samuel 11: 26 – 12: 10, 13-15
Galatians 2: 15 - end
John 17: 20 - end
- 19 TRINITY 4
Isaiah 65: 1-9
Galatians 3: 23 - end
Luke 8: 26 - 39
- 26 TRINITY 5
1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19 - end
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51 - end

Weekdays at 9.30am

- 1 2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12
Mark 12: 10-27
- 8 1 Kings 18: 20 - 39
Matthew 5: 17-19
- 15 2 Kings 1: 6-14
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
- 22 2 Kings 22: 8-13; 23: 1-3
Matthew 7: 15-20
- 29 Zechariah 4: 1-6a, 10b – end
Acts 12: 1-11
Matthew 16: 13-19

FIRST CALL

Sunday June 5 at 7pm in the Chapel



REGULAR SERVICES IN JUNE

Sundays 8.30am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion

Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
Morning Prayer, when said in church, will
be at 9.15.

Second Monday of each month will be set
aside for Staff Prayer.

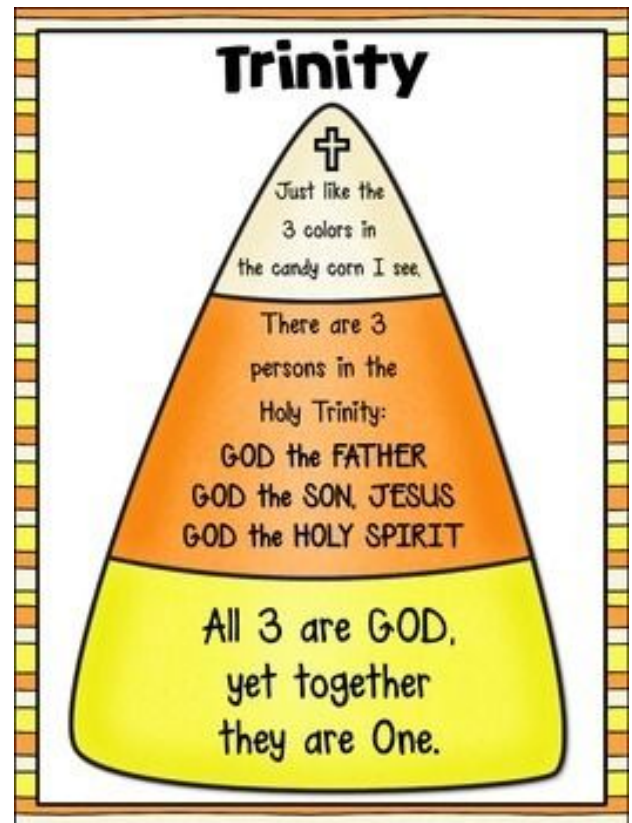
SPECIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday June 12 All Age Service at 10am

EVENTS IN JUNE

Sunday June 5 at 12 noon Sunday Lunch
Club meets in the Church Hall

Saturday June 11 Arbury Carnival



Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

Ride, Drive or Stride day 10th September

Ride and Stride Day is a national event arranged in each county by their local historic churches trust and is CHCT's main annual fund raising event. In Cambridgeshire, we are following the example of some other county trusts and suggesting that participants can drive, recognising the great distance between churches in some parts of the county and the difficulty in finding safe cycling routes. We want as many people as possible to enjoy the county's churches and see for themselves why these wonderful buildings need to be supported.



Participants are sponsored for every place of worship they visit by cycle, horse, bus, car or on foot during the Day. The money raised is then split between the Trust and any place of worship they nominate. If the sponsorship is Gift-Aided, then the Trust can benefit further.

Ride, Drive and Stride Day coincides with Heritage Open Days, so there may well be other events and places to visit alongside the churches and chapels – especially in Cambridge and nearby villages. Check the HOD website www.heritageopendays.org.uk or look for information at the library.

Cycling or walking around towns is the easiest way to clock up a large number of sponsored visits within a short time and distance. For instance, a walk through Cambridge visiting college chapels and the central churches and chapels (many serving great teas!) can easily total twenty visits.

With the increase in road traffic, cycling might not be quite as pleasurable as it was, but there are ever more cycle routes and dedicated cycle lanes; maps and routes (that also mark parish churches) can be downloaded from Cambridgeshire County Council.

One possible route is cycling (or walking) the twelve miles to St Ives along the guided busway. This gives easy, safe access to at least ten parish churches en route.

The CCT encourages as many places of worship as possible to be open (and to offer refreshments and a toilet). But volunteers are needed to help with this.



Cycling or walking is a healthy way of raising money for your church and CHCT which can also introduce you to new interesting churches. Please have a go! and help to keep the county's wonderful historic places of worship in good repair for future generations to use and enjoy.

Wanted!

At Good Shepherd we haven't joined in this day for some years – so, is there anyone who would like to organise this from our parish? It makes a great day out for cyclists and is also an opportunity to welcome others into our lovely church. All the paperwork is provided by the CHCT – sponsor forms, stickers and record sheets etc – so what we need to provide is a contact name and address of someone who can coordinate cyclists and draw up a rota of people willing to sit in church to keep it open. If we can't find enough people to set in church, we could put up a list on the noticeboard outside for participants to sign to say they have been – perhaps surprisingly in the past we didn't actually get many visitors ourselves as keen cyclists preferred a nice country ride!

For more information look on the CHCT website – (not yet updated for the 2016 event) <https://camhct.uk/>. Or contact me at rmlund@gmail.com or speak to me in church.

For anyone interested in seeing round old churches you may be interested in joining one of the church crawls organised for the four summer months for members of CHCT and friends. These are on a Sunday afternoon and start at 2.30 pm on **8th May, 12th June, 10th July and 14th August 2016**. Check on the website for the most up to date information. We visit three churches and usually have tea at the last one and some people stay for said Evensong afterwards.

Rosalind Lund



Children's Attempts at Singing Well Known Hymns

Sometimes kids get things a little.....well, maybe these came from kids:

- Give us this day our deli bread!
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Whole East Coast.
- We shall come to Joyce's, bringing in the cheese.
- Gladly, the consecrated, cross-eyed bear.
- He carrots for you.
- Bringing in the sheets.
- Yield not to Penn Station.
- Dust around the throne.
- Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures, HERE WE GO
- While shepherds washed their socks by night
- He socked me and boxed me with His redeeming glove.

If lawyers are disbarred
and clergymen defrocked,

doesn't it follow that . . .

electricians could be delighted,
musicians denoted,
cowboys deranged,
models deposed,
and dry cleaners depressed?

Wouldn't you expect laundry workers to decrease, eventually becoming depressed and depleted?

Likewise, bedmakers might be debunked,
baseball players debased,
bulldozer operators degraded,
organ donors delivered,
software engineers detested, and
underwear manufacturers debriefed.

And won't all composers one day decompose?

On a more positive note, perhaps we can hope politicians will someday be devoted.

TOP TEN COMPLAINTS FROM BIBLICAL MOTHERS OR WIVES

By Grant MacDonald

10. Eve to Adam: "You never take me anywhere different to eat!"
9. Sarah to Abraham: "Maybe if you stopped treating me like your sister, we could start a family!" (Gen 12:19)
8. Elizabeth to John the Baptist: "I cook you a nice meal and all you want is locust, locust, locust!"
7. Pharaoh's Daughter to Moses: "Stop parting the bath water, Moses, and wash behind those ears!"
6. David's mom to Jesse, her husband: "Do you really think it was a good idea to get David that sling? He's going to put someone's eye out with that thing!"
5. Manoah's wife to her son Samson: "Can't you clean the sink after you shampoo? I'm sick of all these long hairs!"
4. Elizabeth to Mary: "I love talking to you, Mary, really I do, but can you speak a little softer? This kid just won't stop doing the rhumba in my tummy!" (Luke 1:44)
3. Mary to Joseph: "I TOLD you to make reservations!"
2. Herodias to her daughter: "I told Herod that if he didn't do something about this John nut, I would make sure the problem came to a head!"

And the number one complaint made by a biblical mother or wife is:

1. Pilate's wife to Pilate after the resurrection: "You never listen to me, do you? How do you feel now Mr. Wash-Your-Hands-In-Public?!" (Mat 27:19)



The early Bible people wore clothes very different from ours. The fields, where Ruth gleaned, were brightened by the reds, yellows, and blues of the women's headaddresses.

TOP 10 MOST DANGEROUS COUNTRIES TO BE A CHRISTIAN



NORTH Korea has been named the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian for the 14th year running with Iraq and Syria also in the top five.

More than 7,000 Christians were murdered because of their faith in the last year with millions punished for their beliefs.

North Korea remains the worst place to be a Christian while Iraq has replaced Somalia as the second most dangerous place to be a Christian.

Eritrea, now nicknamed the 'North Korea of Africa' due to high levels of dictatorial paranoia, follows at number three.

Afghanistan, Syria and Pakistan are the next most difficult places for Christians.

India, the second most populous country in the world, has seen persecution levels rise dramatically for the third year running, rising to number 17 from a ranking of 31 in 2013.

Christian charity Open Doors, which compiled the list, said extreme Islamic fundamentalism is rising most sharply in sub-Saharan Africa, where more people are killed for their Christian faith than anywhere else in the world.

Lisa Pearce, CEO of Open Doors UK & Ireland, said: "The persecution of Christians is getting worse, in every region in which we work - and it's getting worse fast.

"In many parts of the world, despite the pressure and the often terrible cost, the church continues to grow.

"There is always hope, and yet we are in unmarked territory - the pace and scale of persecution of Christians is unprecedented and growing fast."

In North Korea it's estimated 70,000 Christians are currently in prison or labour camps because of their faith- which is illegal under Kim Jong-un's regime.

Christians are forced to worship in secret and risk torture and death to do so.

Iraq has been named the second most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian where the church is on the brink of being wiped out.

The Christian population of Iraq has been decimated from two million in 2003 to less than 200,000 today.

Thousands were forced from their homes when Islamic State (ISIS) terrorists captured large swathes of territory.

Christians in Iraq face abduction, sexual abuse and death threats at the hands of the extremists.

In Syria, Christians have been targeted by crazed Jihadis as well as being caught up in the ongoing civil war.

With an estimated 772,000 Christians, it is forbidden to be a Christian in ISIS controlled areas.

In areas outside of ISIS control it is illegal for people to convert from Islam.

Christian villages have been attacked by ISIS terrorists and it's estimated 3,000 Christians were forced to leave their homes in February 2015 alone with hostages executed.

A petition with more than 400,000 signatures has been submitted to the UN calling for the Security Council to formally declare the persecution of Christians in Iraq and Syria as genocide.

Islamic extremists have also targeted Christians in Eritrea and Afghanistan.

Believers in Eritrea have been imprisoned in metal shipping containers in scorching temperatures and forced to work long hours of manual labour.

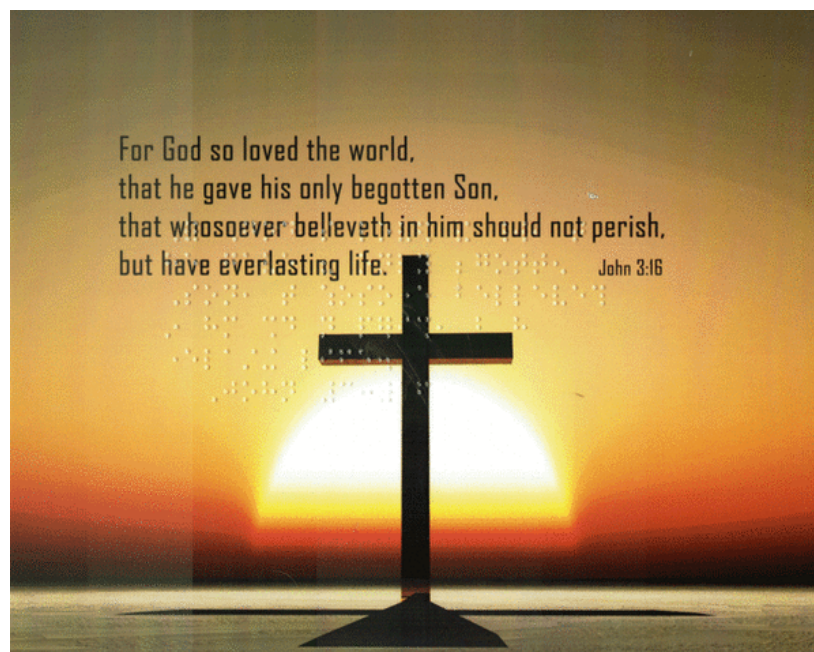
It's believed there are just a few thousand Christians in Afghanistan with people converting from Islam risking arrest.

Buildings used as underground churches have been attacked and ex-pat Christians have been killed.

This year's list, recorded using a points system, reveals persecution of Christians is actually on the rise.

The lowest ranking country in 2013, Niger, had 35 points, this year's lowest ranking country, Oman, had 53 points - an increase of more than 50 per cent.

Lisa Pearce said: "This is a cause of great concern. Many countries have dropped down the list, not because persecution there is decreasing, but simply because others are getting worse faster."



THE REAL HISTORY
(first published in 2012 in 'TEACH US OF LOVE')

The Christian saga since the time
Of Easter's shock is masked by what's
Survived of tale that's told by church
And state forever tying knots
As each has tried to gain control
Of people's lives and stray beliefs.
Or else we're led astray by fears,
By tribal hates or other griefs.
On written page we rarely get
A glimpse of humble folk who tried
To walk the way of Christ in faith
That loving Father God supplied
The grace required to help them build
His Kingdom's gift of justice, peace,
Concern for all in need. Despite
The hordes of hungry poor increase,
There's been a steady gain in care
And legal rights across the earth.
And much is due to nameless men
And women knowing all are worth
As much as rulers in embrace
Of loving God, who wants us each
To play our part; to implement
The vision Jesus came to teach.
It's rare indeed for scholar's work
To give us glimpse of lives of saints,
With s in lower case, who lived
For others free of base constraints.

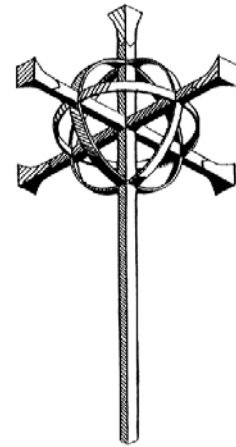
Henry Disney



IN THE CHURCH HALL (to book call 352151 (evenings))

THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	Jinty Keir	572303
RED HEN Monday 8.15 – 11am	Christine O'Reilly	0781 6444439
SANG Monday 10– 11.30 (meets in Haven in Church)	Rachel Blanchflower	523066
THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.00 – 3.30pm	Ruby Leyshon	352151
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Deborah Walker	01954 231382
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Margaret Briggs	01954 250870
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Susannah O'Hanlon	235281
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
THE CAMERA CLUB Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm	Steve Morrell	529670
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 3 rd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm January to November	Mr. Gawthrop	351855
UNITE RETIRED MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION 4 th Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	Evelyn Hunnyball	364293
ALZHEIMERS DROP IN CAFÉ 12.15 – 3pm on 1 st Thursday of the month	Sheila Burgess	01353 699422
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Chris White	0700 891511
CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
SIN CRU Friday 5-7.30pm (Term time only)	Lucy Crowe	07989 927706
DOG TRAINING CLASSES Friday 7.30 - 9.30pm	Arbury Road Vet. Surgery	361911

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Here at the Good Shepherd we like to help you to celebrate and commemorate many of the milestones on the journey through life; these include weddings, anniversaries, funerals, and baptism services.

If you wish to find out more about these, the first step is to contact the Vicar, the Reverend David Maher. He will be able to tell you what is involved and arrange for a meeting with you if you then wish to take things further.

He can be contacted on 01223 351844

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